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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY EVACUATION - SFM CONTINGENCY
-- PLANNING

1. JCS IS NOW IN RECEIPT OF THE CINCEUR DRAFT PLAN FOR EVACUATION OF THE SFM. IN ESSENCE, IT ADHERES TO THE GENERAL GUIDELINES AND EXISTING SUPPORT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN DOD AND STATE WITH REGARDS TO EVACUATION OF NON-COMBATANTS. IT INCLUDES FOUR ALTERNATIVES, THE FIRST THREE OF WHICH ENVISAGE A PERMISSIVE ENVIRONMENT. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS (ALL ASSUME A WASHINGTON DECISION).

ALTERNATIVE I - STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD DIRECT EVACUATION BY COMMERCIAL MEANS.

ALTERNATIVE II - MILITARY AIRLIFT WOULD BE USED BECAUSE OF CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO COMMERCIAL MEANS OF EVACUATION. (FOR EXAMPLE, MILITARY AIRFIELDS IN EITHER EGYPT, ISRAEL, OR ELSEWHERE COULD BE USED DEPENDING UPON THE CONDITIONS EXISTING AT THAT TIME.)

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ALTERNATIVE III - SEA LIFT TO INCLUDE USE OF HELICOPTERS

FROM DESIGNATED POINTS.

2. ALTERNATIVE IV ASSUMES A NONPERMISSIVE ENVIRONMENT. IT ENTAILS SPECIFIC PICKUP POINTS FOR PICKUP BY EITHER AIR OR SEA RESOURCES AND MEASURES, AS APPROPRIATE, TO SAFEGUARD PERSONNEL.

3. PLEASE FORWARD THE DETAILS OF YOUR E AND E PLAN SOONEST. IT SHOULD CONTAIN SPECIFIC LOCATIONS, NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL, EXIT ROUTES CONTEMPLATED, AND PHASING DOWN OF OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL APPLICABLE TO THE FOUR ALTERNATIVES. IT SHOULD OUTLINE YOUR ON-SITE PREPARATIONS FOR EVACUATION, MAXIMUM OR MINIMUM PERIODS YOU COULD HOLD IN PLACE AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS, MINIMAL WORK FORCE TO MAINTAIN OPERATIONS, ETC. UPON REVIEW AND APPROVAL HERE, WE INTEND TO AUTHORIZE THE SFM DIRECT LIAISON WITH CINCEUR, TO FINALIZE THEATRE PLANNING.

4. AS PRESENTLY CONCEIVED, SFM DEPENDENTS RESIDING IN TEL AVIV AND CAIRO WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE E AND E PLANS OF THE RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES.

5. JCS ADVISES THAT CINCEUR IS PREPARED NOW TO SUPPORT SFM EVACUATION IF SO DIRECTED. HOWEVER, THE EFFECTIVENESS WITH WHICH SUCH OPERATIONS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IS CLOSELY RELATED TO EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PARA 3.

6. IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL HELP TO WORK OUT THESE ARRANGEMENTS, GIVEN ALL YOUR OTHER TASKS, LET US KNOW. INGERSOLL

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